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The International Visegrad Fund in cooperation with the Open Society Archivum Budapest offers research fellowships at the Open Society Archives (OSA) at the Central European University in Budapest. As part of the joint project, 12 fellowships will be awarded annually to selected scholars, researchers or journalists from the Visegrad Group (V4) countries and 3 fellowships annually to non-V4 applicants.

The fellowships will be given on a competitive basis to scholars/artists/journalists who wish to conduct research at OSA, and whose current research projects are relevant to the holdings and the given research priorities of the Fund and the Archivum. The scholarship of **€2,000** is designed to provide access to the archives for scholars, artists, and journalists, and to cover travel to and from Budapest, a modest subsistence, and accommodation for a research period of two months. Scholarships for shorter periods are pro-rated.

Suggested research topics (2015):

- The informational environment of the period of the Cold War, East and West;
- History of information science during the Cold War;
- History of information gathering during the Cold War (scientific, diplomatic, clandestine, public opinion research, intelligence, party reports, etc);
- Public opinion research East and West during the Cold War (audience research in the West and reports on the “public mood” behind the Iron Curtain);
- The consequences of limited available information on “the other” in the Cold War;
- The perception and construction of the “other” as reflected through cataloguing and data classification practices before 1989;
- The impact of cybernetics on informational and archival practices;
- The techniques and role of gathering and using information in the planning process and for social engineering purposes both East and West;
- The nature of the propaganda (including film) archive and its impact on (planning and manipulating) political and social processes; The role of propaganda during the Cold War;
- “Manufacturing objectivity” (how archival “facts” were used in order to create the objectivity effect of information);

- How political events and professional scholarly practices in the “real world” of the Cold War had an impact on the documentary practices, the categorical changes, the perception and interpretation of information and the documents.

The list does not exclude those applicants, who would like to pursue their own research that is different from the current research focus.

Starting with the 2014–2015 academic year, OSA Archives would like to involve the Visegrad fellows more closely in the ongoing research work of the Archives. The work of the fellows will not simply be supported by designated colleagues at OSA, but the fellows are expected to work together with at least one of the researchers at the Archives. The fellows will take part in the research activities of OSA, will attend in-house seminars, and, if possible, together with other fellows will work on similar or relevant research topics. The intention is to build long-lasting working relationships, and involve former fellows in the research programs of OSA.

Documents to be submitted with the proposals:

1. Application letter in English (including the expected period of stay and preferred dates)
2. Research description/plan in English (about 800 words; should indicate relationship between the current research topic, the chosen collection in the OSA holdings and the applicant’s research, the intended use of text based or audio-visual research results, etc.); artists are expected to submit a portfolio, too
3. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. Names of two referees with contact address
5. Applicants are also requested to submit a copy of a certificate confirming the passing of officially recognized advanced level English language exam.

Deadlines for submission:

April 20, 2015

More information:

[Visegrad Scholarships at OSA \(OSA website\)](#)

For further information regarding the program and the application procedures please consult [the website](#) or contact Ms. Katalin Gádoros (Gadoros@ceu.hu). We look forward to your research proposals.